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Applicants: EHNERT et al

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For: Carbon-Fibre-Reinforced SMC For Multi-Axially
Reinforced Components

Group:

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G/A**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 1, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

A₁ 6. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that the UD fibres (7) are
shortened by incisions in the finished SMC to produce flowability in the fibre
direction.

A₂ 8. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that a different resin
matrix (2) is used for the random fibres (4) and the UD fibres (7).

9. (Amended) SMC according to Claim 1, characterised in that, to check the UD fibre
directions, individual UD glass fibres are introduced into the matrix (2) in the